

Applicant	:	Craig Adams et al.
Appl. No.	:	10/727,899
Examiner	:	Ahmed Farah
Docket No.	:	701470.4075

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-27 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Interview Summary

Applicants wish to express their gratitude for the Examiner's time spent on a phone interview held between the Undersigned and the Examiner on February 26, 2008. During the interview, the Undersigned requested further clarification of species A and B in the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 31, 2007. The Examiner clarified that species A is directed to telescoping catheters in which the second and third sheaths are coupled to the distal end of the telescoping section, and species B is directed telescoping catheters in which the second and third sheaths are coupled to the proximal end of the telescoping section.

Restriction Requirement After First Office Action

The Restriction Requirement mailed after the First Office Action on October 31, 2007 required Applicants to elect either species A or B.

Applicants hereby elect species A directed to telescoping catheters in which the second and third sheaths are coupled to the distal end of the telescoping section.

Claim 1 requires that the second and third sheaths both be coupled to the distal end of the telescoping section.

Independent claims 12 and 26 have each been amended to require that the outer and inner sheaths both be coupled to the distal end of the telescoping section.

Therefore, Applicants submit that all pending claims read on elected species A.

Applicants submit that claims 1-27 are patentable over the cited reference for at least the reasons set forth in the Amendment and Response filed on July 24, 2007.

Conclusion

The applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any questions or comments, please call the undersigned at (949) 567-

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6700, or directly at (949) 852-7750. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 15-0665 for the necessary fees, and is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,
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